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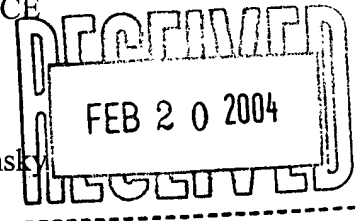
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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TETSUYA YANO, ET AL.)
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Application No.: 09/430,029)
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Filed: October 29, 1999)
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For: DNA FRAGMENT CARRYING)
TOLUENE MONOOXYGENASE)
GENE, RECOMBINANT)
PLASMID, TRANSFORMED)
MICROORGANISM, METHOD)
FOR DEGRADING)
CHLORINATED ALIPHATIC)
HYDROCARBON COMPOUNDS)
AND AROMATIC COMPOUNDS,)
AND METHOD FOR)
ENVIRONMENTAL)
REMEDIALATION)

Examiner: E. Slobodyansky

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 3, 2003, please amend the
above-identified application as follows.

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